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SUBJECT:NUCLEAR SAFETY ASSISTANCE TO KOREA

1. WILLIAM RUHLMAN, CURRENTLY ON 3 MONTH IAEA DETAIL AS QA ADVISER TO KAEB RECENTLY INFORMED NRC OF NEED AND INTEREST OF KOREAN NUCLEAR ORGANIZATIONS (KECO AND KAEB) IN OBTAINING SERVICES OF US EXPERTS, FOR TWO WEEKS EACH, TO ADVISE ON FOLLOWING KORI-RELATED SUBJECTS: (A) TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND IN-SERVICE TESTING OF SNUBBERS; (B) CABLE SEPARATION AND SEGREGATION; AND (C) FIRE PROTECTION.

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2. NRC HAS IDENTIFIED SUITABLE EXPERT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE ON SUBJECT (A) AND IS PREPARED TO MAKE HIM AVAILABLE FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT IN JUNE 1978: ISA YIN, EMPLOYED BY NRC IN REGION III FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, CURRENTLY WORKS IN THE OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SUPPORT. MR. YIN IS IN CHARGE OF PIPE AND EQUIPMENT HANGER SUPPORTS, RE-

STRAINTS AND SNUBBER INSPECTION PROGRAMS. YIN INSPECTS ALL OPERATING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN HIS REGION AS WELL AS THOSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM RUHLMAN THAT YIN IS AVAILABLE IN JUNE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED ADVISE TO KECO AND

KAEB. NRC WOULD CONTINUE TO PAY YIN'S SALARY, BUT KOREA HOST ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE AIR TICKETS AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS COMPARABLE TO USG PER DIEM RATE IN SEOUL. TO AVOID POSSIBLE PROBLEM UNDER FOREIGN GIFTS AND DECORATIONS ACT OF 1966 AS AMENDED, EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST THAT AIR TICKETS OR PRE-PAID AUTHORIZATION BE PRESENTED TO EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR SUBSEQUENT TRANSMITTAL TO AND USE BY MR. YIN. FYI: DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE SUCH QUOTE GIFT UNQUOTE DIRECTLY FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENT THAT NRC APPARENTLY DOES NOT HAVE. END FYI.

4. EMBASSY MAY ALSO INFORM RUHLMAN THAT EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON SUBJECTS (B) AND (C). VANCE

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